To the Honourable the House of COMMONS in PARLIAMENT assembled.

The humble Representation of the earnest Desires and distressed Condition of the Officers in the List lately managed by Sr John Norwich:

Shewing,

THat your Petitioners having often presented earnest (but humble) prayers unto this Honourable House, which returned with nothing but aire, and empty promises, our unparallelled civility as little reflected on as our insufferable misery; which renders us as men not onely altogether unworthy, but also odious in your sight; and gazed on, not as Souldiers (who have spent our deerest blood in your behalf, and to preserve that power which you act;) nor yet as Subjects (whose naturall Freedom challengeth no little interest in the acts of Justice;) but as slaves markt our for penury, and doomed to death by the most horrid way of Famine. And now patience, unable grown, any longer to resist the overpowring violence of our sad necessities; once more we humbly present you,

That these our last Desires prove not abortive; but that by some speedy course respect may be had for the preventing of our growing miseries, by appointing Money and Treasurers for our severall discharges without protracting further time; so shall you clear your selves to the too censorious Multitude, from those black aspersions they dayly cast upon your Honours, and encourage us to manifest that Obedience to your Commands, to which by Oath, Covenant, *and* Conscience *we stand engaged.*

And we shall ever pray, &c.

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